

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 778 - SB 777

March 18, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to submit a report to the House of Representatives Health Committee and the Senate Health and Welfare Committee of the number of pharmacists who have entered into a statewide collaborative pharmacy practice agreement implemented by the chief medical officer by January 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004410): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the Commissioner of DOH to declare an epidemic exists in the state. Authorizes, upon declaration of an epidemic, the Chief Medical Officer to implement a statewide collaborative pharmacy practice agreement, with a licensed pharmacist for purposes of dispensing and administering a vaccine to this state's vulnerable population. Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to dispense and administer a vaccine pursuant to the agreement. Establishes specific requirements for the agreement's operation and specific requirements for the pharmacist under the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing the Commissioner of DOH to declare an epidemic and implement a statewide collaborative pharmacy practice agreement will have no significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- The DOH can accommodate the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources; therefore, no fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Pharmacy had an annual surplus of \$484,999 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$338,711 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,484,010 on June 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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